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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner: D. Romeo

MAKISHIMA et al

Serial No.: 08/945,459

Group: 1646

Filed: October 20, 1997

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600 Third Avenue New York, NY 10016 April 19, 2000

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicant(s) respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for one month, until

April 19, 2000.

A check for the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made, and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

> Respectfully submitted, Bierman, Muserlian and Lucas

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